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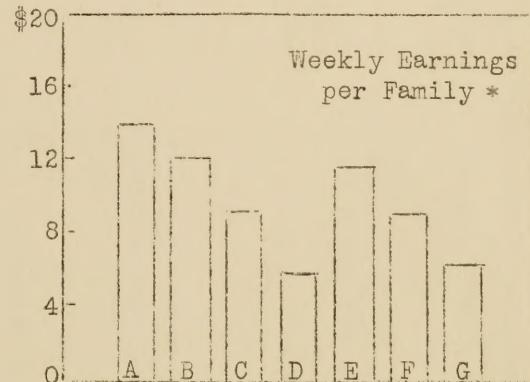
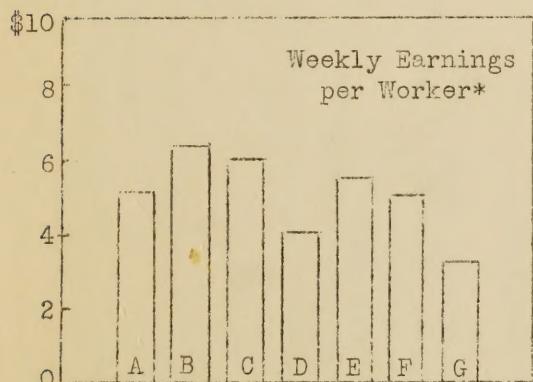
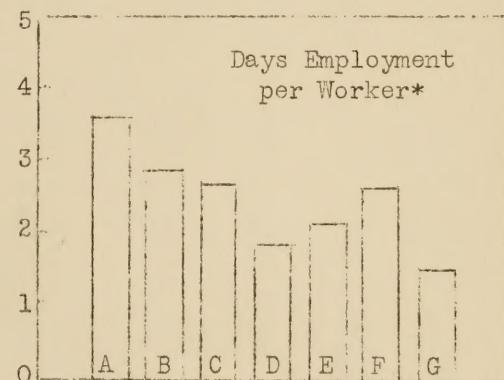
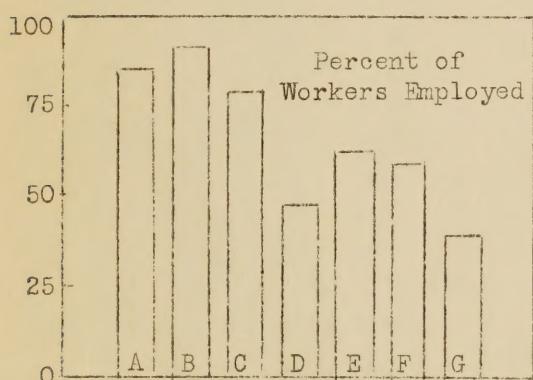
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EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS LIVING  
IN FSA FARM LABOR CAMPS

Current Report No. 8

Arizona, California, and Northwest Camps, August 11 to September 7, 1940



\* These averages include all workers and all families.

Camps designated by:

- A. Western Oregon
- B. Eastern Oregon & Southern Idaho
- C. Yakima, Washington
- D. Imperial & Coachella Valleys
- E. Northern California
- F. Arizona
- G. San Joaquin Valley

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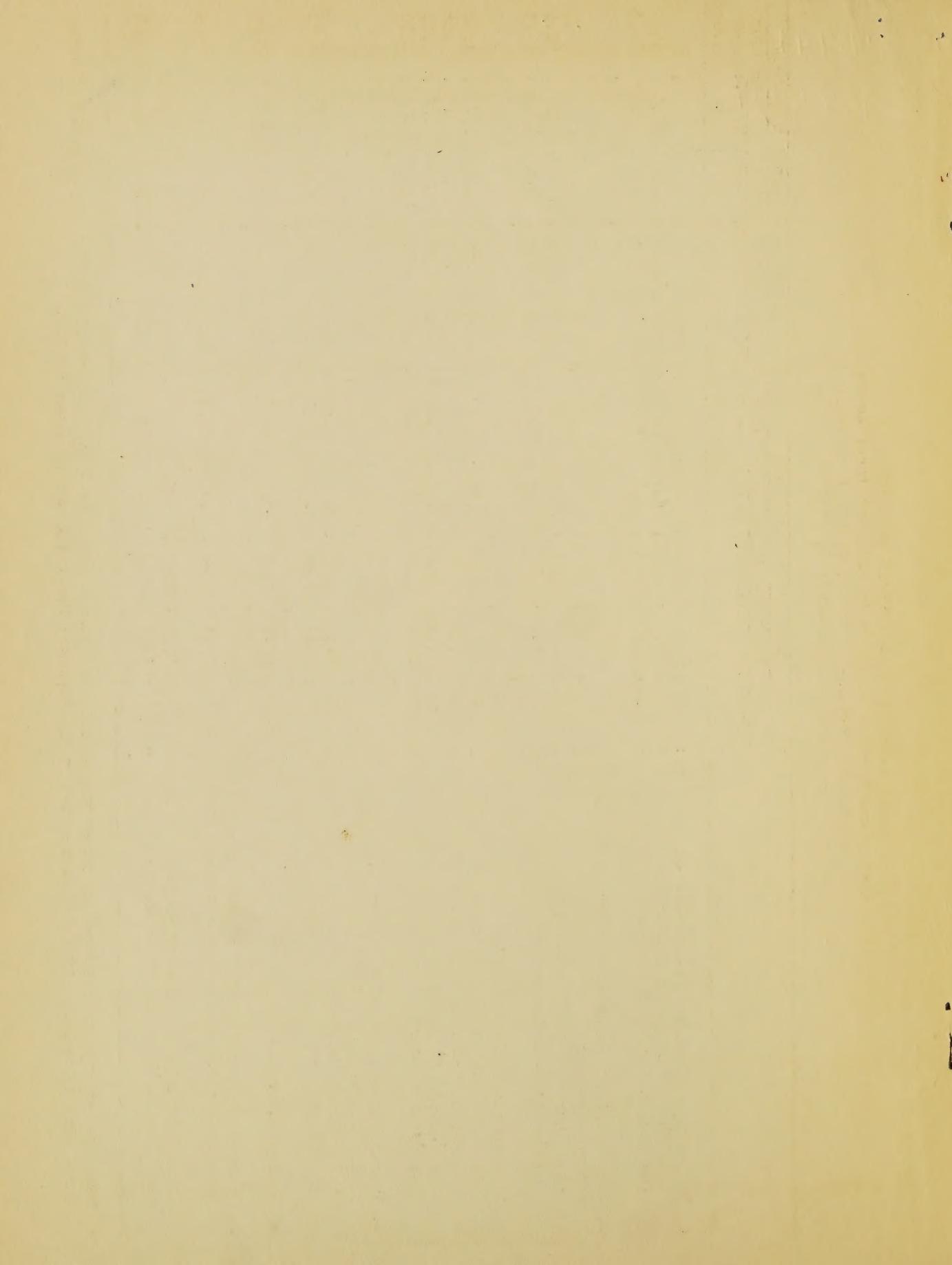


Table 1.—SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT  
Agricultural workers living in FSA farm labor camps  
in California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho  
August 11 to September 7, 1940

	California - Arizona			Oregon - Washington - Idaho		
	Week ending	Four weeks	Four weeks	Week ending	Four weeks	Four weeks
	August 17	August 24	August 31	August 24	August 31	August 31
1. Percentage of workers receiving employment:						
(a) Other than public assistance	45.3	49.9	50.3	55.7	50.4	77.9
(b) Public assistance projects	7.9	6.3	4.5	4.3	5.7	2.7
2. Percentage of families with at least one worker employed:						
(a) Other than public assistance	63.3	63.1	58.7	64.2	62.3	84.8
(b) Public assistance projects	13.3	11.1	7.1	8.4	10.0	6.2
3. Average workers per family:						
(a) Other than public assistance	.80	1.00	.97	1.09	.97	1.84
(b) Public assistance projects	.14	.13	.09	.08	.11	.06
(c) Unemployed	.83	.89	.88	.80	.86	.39
(d) Total workers	1.77	2.02	1.94	1.97	1.92	2.29
4. Average days employment (other than on public assistance)						
(a) Employed workers	3.88	3.35	3.28	3.94	3.60	4.4
(b) All workers	1.76	1.64	1.65	2.20	1.81	3.5
5. Employment index*						
6. Average distance (in miles) from camp to job (public assistance projects excluded)	29.3	27.6	27.5	36.6	30.2	58.3
(Camps included in above figures)	(14)	(15)	(15)	—	(9)	(10)
(Families included in above figures)	(180)	(198)	(184)	(179)	(741)	(243)

\* Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects  $\div$  man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week). If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.



Table 2.--SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EARNINGS  
 Agricultural workers living in FSA farm labor camps  
 in California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho  
 August 11 to September 7, 1940

	California - Arizona			Oregon - Washington - Idaho		
	Week ending			Four weeks ending		
	August	August	Sept.	August	August	August
	17	24	31	7	17	24
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Average earnings from other than public assistance projects:						
(a) Per worker employed	10.54	7.70	7.23	8.27	8.67	8.17
(b) Per worker: all workers	4.77	3.79	3.64	4.57	4.16	6.51
2. Average earnings from public assistance projects:						
(a) Per worker engaged	9.94	10.95	11.03	11.62	10.66	7.27
3. Average family earnings: all families						
(a) Employment other than public assistance	8.43	7.63	7.03	8.99	8.01	15.88
(b) Employment on public assistance projects	1.33	1.38	.96	.97	1.16	1.45
(c) All employment (a) + (b)	9.76	8.91	7.99	9.96	9.17	16.33
(Camps included in above figures)	(14)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
(Families included in above figures)	(180)	(198)	(184)	(179)	(741)	(243)



Table 3. WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS  
Agricultural workers living in FSA farm labor camps  
in California and Arizona  
August 11 to September 7, 1940

	Week ending			Four week average
	August 17	August 24	August 31	
	7	7	7	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMPS				
1. Per cent of workers employed:				
(a) On other than public assistance projects	67	66	56	69
(b) On public assistance projects	3	1	3	2
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed**	84	82	68	72
3. Average earnings: all families:				
(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$12.71	\$13.19	\$8.57	\$13.18
(b) On public assistance projects	\$.31	\$.03	\$.50	\$.13
(c) All employment ( (a) + (b) )	\$12.02	\$13.22	\$9.07	\$13.31
4. Employment index*				
5. Average miles from camp to job**	40.1	35.1	27.5	44.7
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	7.5	10.4	5.7	8.1
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
	(67)	(73)	(66)	(61)
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CAMPS				
1. Per cent of workers employed:				
(a) On other than public assistance projects	39	41	38	35
(b) On public assistance projects	8	7	5	3
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed**	62	61	53	48
3. Average earnings: all families:				
(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$8.24	\$5.63	\$3.95	\$4.38
(b) On public assistance projects	\$.84	1.92	.81	.94
(c) All employment ( (a) + (b) )	\$9.08	\$7.55	\$4.76	\$5.32
4. Employment index*				
5. Average miles from camp to job**	29.8	23.7	18.1	20.1
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	8.6	10.8	8.4	6.5
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)
	(63)	(61)	(59)	(64)

\* Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week.) If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

\*\* Public assistance projects excluded.

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Table 3. WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS (CONT'D.)

	Week ending				
	August 17	August 24	August 31	September 7	Four week average
IMPERIAL AND COACHELLA VALLEY CAMPS (INCLUDING SAN JACINTO)					
1. Per cent of workers employed:					
(a) On other than public assistance projects		30	27	27	32
(b) On public assistance projects		16	27	16	18
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed**		39	32	32	41
3. Average earnings: all families:					
(a) On other than public assistance projects		\$3.85	\$4.16	\$2.97	\$4.11
(b) On public assistance projects		\$1.45	\$3.58	\$2.29	\$2.27
(c) All employment ( (a) + (b) )		\$5.30	\$7.74	\$5.26	\$6.38
4. Employment index*		16.7	16.7	13.7	17.7
5. Average miles from camp to job		10.7	13.0	2.8	8.2
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)		(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)		(28)	(28)	(25)	(103)
ARIZONA CAMPS					
1. Per cent of workers employed:					
(a) On other than public assistance projects		21	6	75	55
(b) On public assistance projects		13	53	5	8
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed**		36		71	62
3. Average earnings: all families:					
(a) On other than public assistance projects		\$ 1.78	\$ 2.83	\$12.39	\$ 7.76
(b) On public assistance projects		\$ 2.79	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.82
(c) All employment ( (a) + (b) )		\$ 4.57	\$ 4.34	\$13.52	\$ 9.58
4. Employment index*		10.4	21.4	54.6	60.2
5. Average miles from camp to job		6.6	9.0	8.0	7.3
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)		(2)	(3)	(3)	(3)
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)		(22)	(36)	(34)	(124)

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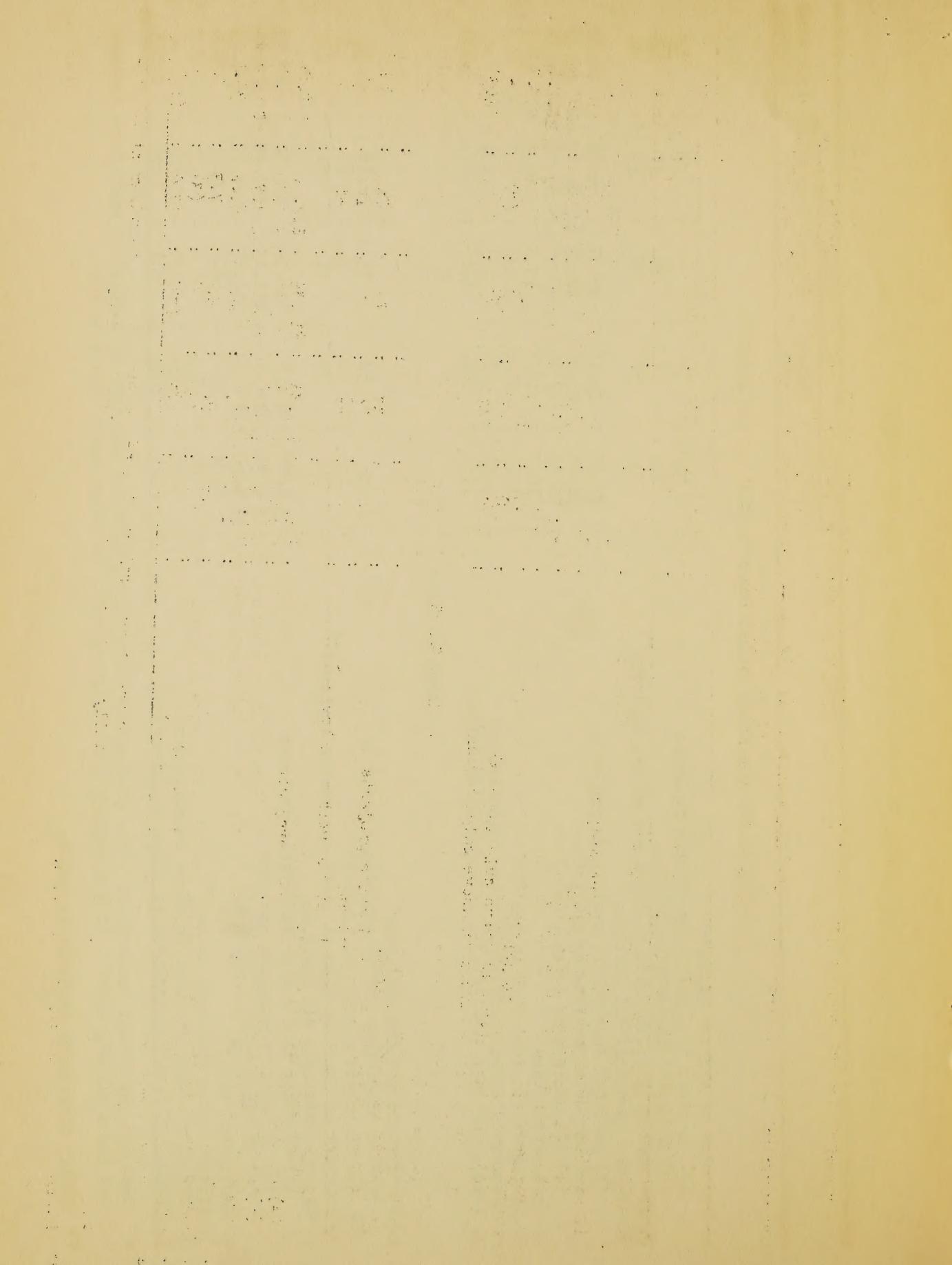


Table 3A.--WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS

Agricultural workers living in FSA farm labor camps  
in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho  
August 11 to September 7, 1940

	Week ending				Four week average
	August 17	August 24	August 31	September 7	
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WESTERN OREGON ***					
1. Per cent of workers employed:					
(a) On other than public assistance projects	84	79	81	95	85
(b) On public assistance projects	2	2	2	-	1
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed*	88	91	84	100	90
3. Average earnings: all families:					
(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$19.45	\$9.72	\$9.08	\$18.38	\$14.54
(b) On public assistance projects	\$4.44	\$1.13	\$3.38	-	\$2.26
(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$19.89	\$9.85	\$9.46	\$18.38	\$14.80
4. Employment index**	72.1	54.2	41.6	75.0	61.6
5. Average miles from camp to job*	2.3	3.7	3.5	5.1	3.6
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	(3)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(74)	(46)	(69)	(61)	(250)

\* Public assistance projects excluded.

\*\* Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week). If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

\*\*\* Dayton, Gresham, West Stayton, Grant's Pass, Independence.



Table 3A.—WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS (CONT'D.)

	Week ending			Four week average
	August 17	August 24	August 31	7
EASTERN OREGON AND SOUTHERN IDAHO ***				
1. Percent of workers employed:				
(a) On other than public assistance projects	82	78	84	75
(b) On public assistance projects	3	2	9	9
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed*	86	79	85	72
3. Average earnings: all families:				
(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$16.20	\$13.47	\$9.79	\$6.81
(b) On public assistance projects	\$46	\$30	\$1.59	\$1.51
(c) All employment ( (a) + (b) )	\$16.66	\$13.77	\$11.38	\$8.32
4. Employment index**	53.3	53.3	51.7	36.7
5. Average miles from camp to job*	18.7	11.6	10.2	10.3
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(128)	(122)	(95)	(97)

## YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

1. Per cent of workers employed:							
(a) On other than public assistance projects	62	88	81	86	78		
(b) On public assistance projects	4	-	11	7	5		
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed*	76	94	83	83	83		
3. Average earnings: all families:							
(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$8.48	\$13.07	\$6.43	\$8.00	\$8.69		
(b) On public assistance projects	\$41	-	\$1.13	\$0.96	\$0.67		
(c) All employment ( (a) + (b) )	\$8.89	\$13.07	\$7.53	\$8.96	\$9.36		
4. Employment index**	35.1	45.2	46.2	55.9	45.3		
5. Average miles from camp to job*	10.1	8.3	10.5	9.6	13.5		
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)		
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(41)	(32)	(46)	(41)	(160)		

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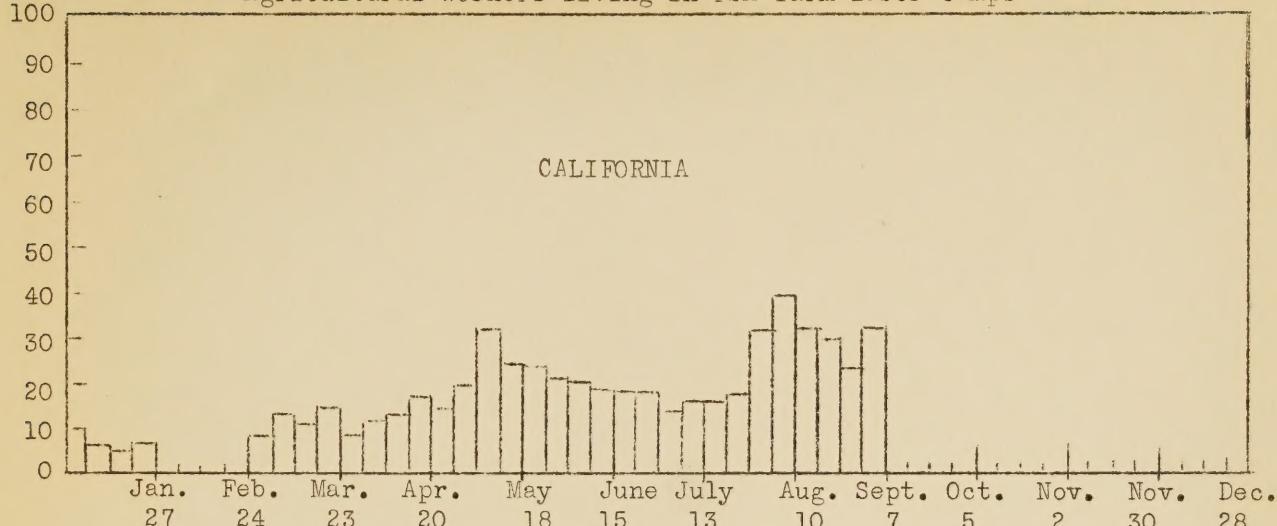
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\*\*\* Twin Falls, Caldwell, Driggs, Nyssa, Victor,

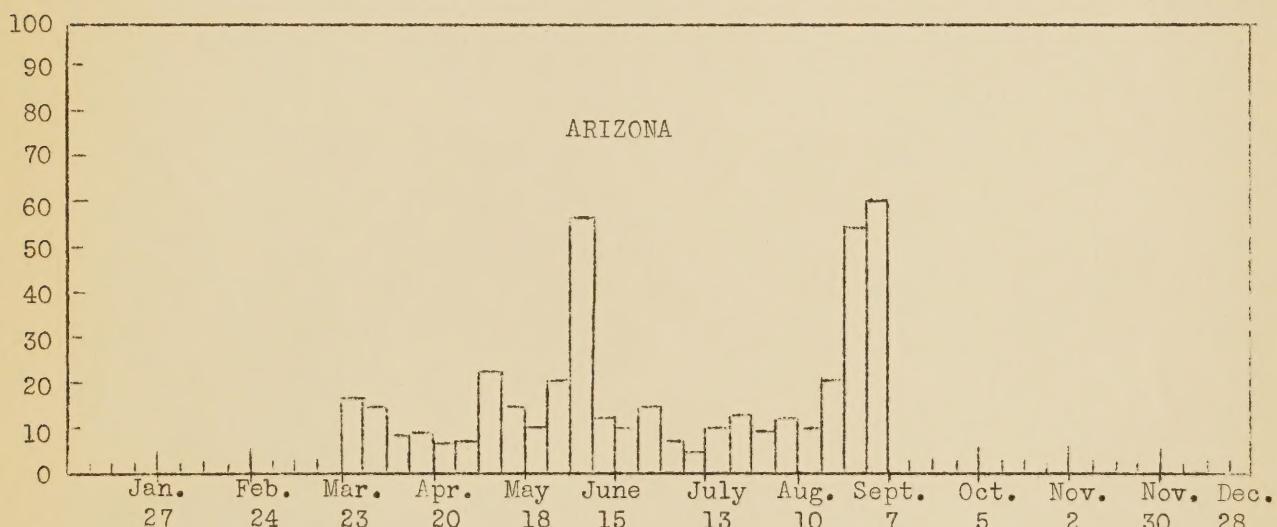


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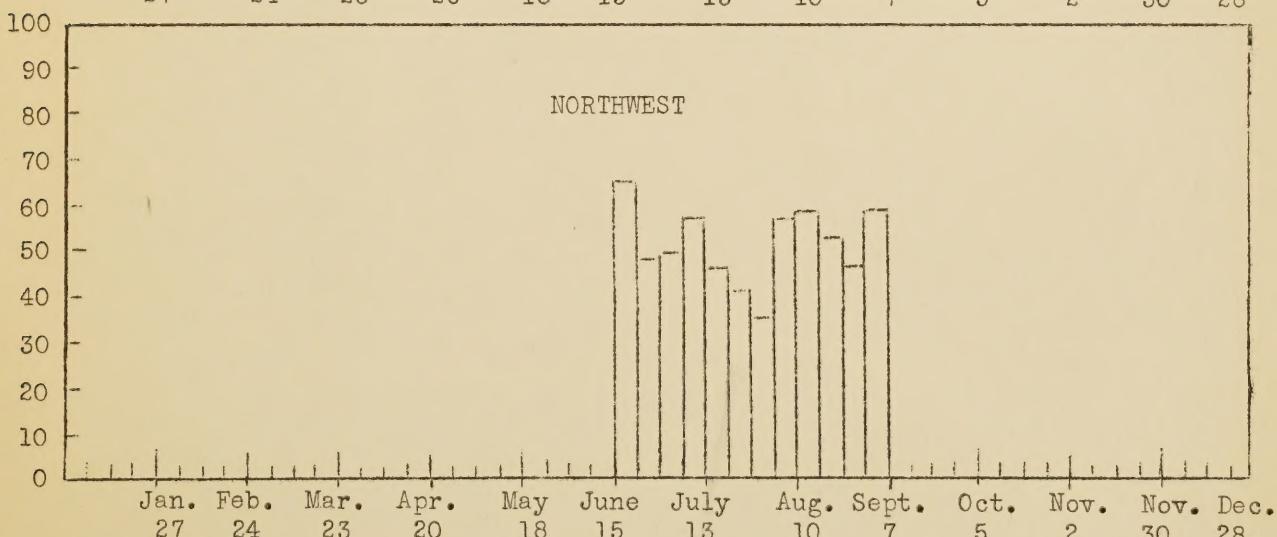
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CALIFORNIA



ARIZONA



NORTHWEST

\* The employment index is determined as follows: Aggregate man-days employment on other than public assistance projects for the week is divided by the aggregate man-days available for employment (employed plus unemployed), allowing for a six-day week.

